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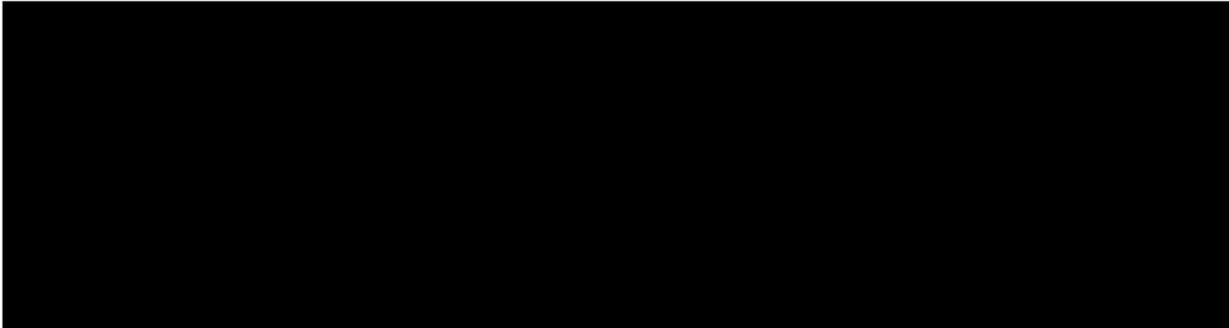
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1. In Rangoon, the lower Burma center of the Burma Communist Party (BCP), increased party activity is forecast, together with a purge of unreliable elements, and an intensification of ideological instruction and primary cell formation. The goal is reportedly a membership of 12,000 in Rangoon district by the end of the year; Communists in Rangoon have been instructed to collect intelligence about Government forces and officials and their movements, and to attempt penetration of Government departments and public utilities. Unconfirmed reports indicate the possibility that the BCP has a center for upper Burma.
2. The Central Committee of the BCP has issued a directive that the Karen demand for a separate State should be opposed on the ground that it would ensure a permanent schism between the Karens and the Burmese. Efforts are to be made to win over the Karens by propaganda and by the formation of new Karen Leagues, while the Karen National Union and its leader Saw Ba U Kyi are unfailingly denounced as separatists and tools of imperialism. A pamphlet issued by the Supreme Headquarters of the forces composing the People's Democratic Front (PDF) appeared in Rangoon during the month exhorting the PDF to exterminate the Communist Party (Burma) (CPB or "Red Flag Communists"), the Karens and the Socialist guerrillas.
3. There is some interest in the arrest at Lashio early in August, of two Chinese, one of whom was carrying Chinese Communist literature describing the achievements of the People's Liberation Army and the advance of Chu Chia-pi's forces into central Yunnan.
4. Of the front organizations in Burma, the Chinese Women's Association, which is affiliated to the Burma Branch of the China Democratic League (CDL), is displaying interest in the All-China Democratic Women's Federation in Peiping, while the All-Burma Students' Union is known to be desirous of strengthening its connections with the International Union of Students.

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